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SUBJECT: FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES EMIGRATING TO US

1. THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE IS CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF FORMER USG LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM VIET-NAM (AND CAMBODIA) WHO HAVE ARRIVED, OR WILL BE ARRIVING, IN THE U.S. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE VAST MAJORITY WILL BE PROCESSED AT ONE OF THE RECEPTION CENTERS AND THAT MOST WILL BE SEEKING FURTHER EMPLOYMENT.

2. REQUEST THAT EACH SENIOR COORDINATOR IMMEDIATELY DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF HIS TEAM TO SERVE EXCLUSIVELY IN ASSISTING FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES FROM STATE/AID/USIA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER AGENCIES (EXCEPT DOD WHICH IS MAKING SEPARATE ARRANGE-

MENTS). APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE FULLY AND PROMPTLY PUBLICIZED WITHIN THE CENTER.

3. FOLLOWING STATE PERSONNEL OFFICERS FROM SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO EACH CENTER AND SHOULD ASSUME THIS FUNCTION, GRACE RAJAJ, PHNOM PENH TO PENDLETON, ETA MAY 19 (SUGGEST THAT PENDLETON DESIGNATE PETER COLLINS TO SERVE UNTIL SHE ARRIVES.); RITA LEMA, SAIGON, TO EGLIN, ETA MAY 15; JAMES GAGNON, SAIGON, TO FT. CHAFFEE (TENTATIVE), ETA TO BE DETERMINED. IN ADDITION, MARY KECK, SAIGON, IS PRESENTLY AT GUAM STATING AREA. TO EXTENT RESOURCES PERMIT, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED

IF SHE COULD CONCENTRATE ON RENDERING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES, INFORMING ONGOING RECEPTION CENTERS OF ETA'S OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS.

4. ANTICIPATE THAT THESE FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE MYRIAD URGENT PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY FINANCIAL, AS WELL AS LONGER-TERM QUESTION OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. INTENDED THAT REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATED BY SENIOR COORDINATOR WILL SERVE ESSENTIALLY AS OMBUDSMAN WORKING WITH USG AGENCIES AT CENTER IN ADDRESSING INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS AND ASSISTING THE FORMER EMPLOYEE COMPLETE THE PROCESSING AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER US AGENCIES ARE SORTING OUT PROBLEM OF CONVERSION OF PIASTRES RECEIVED BY FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES FOR SEVERANCE AND SALARY PAYMENTS. FSL'S SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT USG WILL MAKE THE APPROPRIATE SEVERANCE PAYMENTS WHEN DUE.

6. ON LONGER-TERM QUESTION OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT, TASK FORCE IS COMPILING DATA HERE, PROVIDED BY RECEPTION CENTERS AND STAGING AREAS, ON FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEES: THEIR DATES OF EMPLOYMENT, POSITIONS HELD, QUALIFICATIONS, EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCES, ETC. FORMER PARENT AGENCY WILL RECEIVE THIS DATA SO THAT IT CAN ASSIST, AS APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE, IN ARRANGING FURTHER EMPLOYMENT.

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THIS ASSISTANCE OF COURSE WOULD BE ANCILLARY TO THE PRIMARY RESETTLEMENT PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE RECEPTION CENTERS.

7. PLEASE INFORM TASK FORCE OF DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AND HOW REPRESENTATIVE CAN BE CONTACTED BY TASK FORCE AND INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES. KISSINGER

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